

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS****Claims 1 through 106 (canceled)**

1                   Claim 107 (previously presented) A pVWEX1pyc vector  
2                    contained in the bacterium deposited under DSM 12893.

1                   Claim 108 (previously presented) A bacterium comprising  
2                    the vector of claim 107.

**Claims 109 through 121 (canceled)**

1                   Claim 122 (new) A method of microbially producing L-  
2                    amino acids of aspartate and/or glutamate families, which comprises  
3                    the step of:

4                    culturing an amino acid producing microorganism strain in  
5                    a medium suitable for the production of an L-amino acid, whereby  
6                    said amino acid producing microorganism strain is transformed with  
7                    the vector pVWEX1pyc encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino  
8                    acid sequence having SEQ ID NO:2 with pyruvate carboxylase  
9                    activity.

1                   Claim 123 (new) The method of microbially producing L-  
2                    amino acids as defined in claim 122 wherein the L-amino acid is  
3                    selected from the group consisting of L-lysine, L-threonine, L-  
4                    homoserine and L-glutamate.

1                   Claim 124 (new) The method of microbially producing L-  
2                   amino acids as defined in claim 122 wherein said amino acid  
3                   producing microorganism strain is *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.